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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1897.

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## Business Notices.

**"NB" Norman Brown Whisky.**  
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**White Horse Cellar**  
Old Blend Whisky  
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The Old-fashioned  
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**W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,**  
Agents.

**CAPABLE CORRESPONDENT AND BOOK-KEEPER-WANTED.**  
W. ROBINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 17, 1897. 2473

**A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the Special Resolution duly passed on the 11th December, 1897, and confirmed on the 28th December, 1897, and in consequence of the death of JOHN DAVY HUMPHREYS, on the 8th instant, the FIRM OF JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON has become the General Managers of the COMPANY.  
By Order,  
A. H. MANCILL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 23, 1897. 2440

**H. F. CARMICHAEL,**  
Consulting Engineer and Surveyor,  
18, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
BEGS to announce that from this date he is leaving to carry on Business at the above address, and that he is prepared to supply DRAWINGS and SPECIFICATIONS for all classes of ENGINEERING WORK, Repairs Supervised and Surveys Undertaken.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1897. 840

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE REMOVED from No. 4, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, to No. 50, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
H. M. H. NEMAZEE.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1897. 2459

**WELL WORTH A CALL!**  
FOR DISPLAY OF  
**HIGH CLASS JEWELLERY**  
SUITABLE FOR  
NEW YEAR & CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.  
Comprising:-  
Latest Novelties in expensive BRACELETS, RINGS, CHAINLETTERS, &c., &c.  
Unmounted Diamonds, Stones of every description, selected and set to order.  
CHRONOMETERS, CHRONOCLOCKS, Repairs, and Plain Watches, in great variety.  
FARMER MONROE.  
LEWY HARMANSON,  
Hongkong, December 14, 1897. 2458

**W. ROBINSON & Co.**  
HIGH QUALITY, LOW PRICE.  
EASY MONTHLY PAYMENTS.



**W. POWELL & Co.**  
IMMENSE STOCK OF  
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS  
AND  
**Toys! Toys!! Toys!!!**  
W. POWELL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1897. 2415

**JUST LANDED.**  
EX. S. S. 'CHINA.'  
**AMERICAN ROLL BUTTER,**  
\$1.60 per Roll.  
**THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY Co.,**  
11, 13 and 15, Central Market. 2291

**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.**  
DAKINS' ANISEED AND LICORICE COUGH BALSAM.  
For the Relief of all CROUP, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE THROAT.  
PRICE 50 CENTS AND \$1.  
CRUICKSHANK'S COUGH BALSAM.  
For Coughs, COLDS, HOARSENESS, INFLUENZA, ASTHMA, CONSUMPTION, HOARSE COUGH, BRONCHITIS, and all Disorders of the CHEST and LUNGS.  
PRICE \$1 per Bottle.  
**VICTORIA DISPENSARY,**  
QUEEN'S ROAD. 2342

**PEAK HOTEL.**  
1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.  
A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION, Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and Islands; cool and healthy breeze in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in Winter.  
A Covered Way has been constructed from the Station to the Hotel.  
The Hotel is now under European Management.  
**GEO. J. CASANOVA, Manager.**  
CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street. 1754

**CHAMPAGNES.**

	2 doz.	1 doz.
MONT and CHANDON'S DRY IMPERIAL, 1893	\$47.00	\$19.00
LEBAU & Co., DRY, EXTRA QUALITY	35.00	31.00
H. LEROY & Co., GRAND EXTRA DRY	31.00	32.00
EDOUARD CLICQUOT 'DRY' and 'SWEET'	27.00	21.00
MERLETT & Co., DRY and 'MEDIUM'	27.00	21.00
Do. C.S. 4 doz. & 1 doz.	\$30.00	19.00
PAUL ROBERT and FIEB, SAUVIGNON	14.00	14.00
BARON DE LAMAY, Do.	12.00	14.00

**SOLE AGENTS:**  
**H. PRICE & Co.,**  
No. 12, Queen's Road, Central. 2483

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY**  
WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:-

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
SHANGHAI, N'K.	ROBE & YOKO.	Captain R. R. PRANDON.	About 24th December.
SHANGHAI.	Thames	E. R. DOWELL, R.N.	About 26th December.
LONDON, &c.	Osiris	E. STREET	Noon, 30th December.
YOKOHAMA, &c.	Rosita	F. N. TILLARD.	Noon, 31st December.
LONDON	Malacca	N. P. POLLOCK, R.N.	About 7th Jan. 1898.

\* See Special Advertisement.  
For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to  
**H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.**  
P. & O. S. S. Office,  
Hongkong, December 21, 1897.

## Business Notices.

**BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.,**  
HONGKONG HOTEL-PRAYA.  
SOLE EASTERN AGENTS FOR:  
ALUMINIUM & GENERAL FOUNDRY SYD. LTD., NEW WIRE WOVES ROOFING CO.  
SNOWDON SON'S & CO., 'SNOWDRIFT' GEIPEL'S STEAM TRAP.  
BERGER & SONS' LTD., PAINTS & VARNISH, TURTON BROS. & MATTHEWS' ST. B. GOODS  
W. WILSON COBBERT, (SATURN AND SCANDINAVIA BELTING).  
Bell's Packings and Jointings are used by the British, French, Russian, Italian, Swedish and Spanish Navies, also by Principal English, Colonial and South American Railway Companies.  
W. JACKSON, Manager.

**XMAS & NEW YEAR GOODS.**  
JUST RECEIVED.

LADIES' HAND BAGS, PERFUME CASES,  
TOILET-NECESSARIES, PHOTO-FRAMES, ALBUMS,  
PURSES, PORTMONNAIES, JEWEL CASES,  
INKSTANDS, OPERA GLASSES, FIELD GLASSES,  
MUSIC CASES, WRITING DESKS, BLOTTERS,  
SCISSORS IN FANCY CASES, POCKET BOOKS,  
CARD CASES, &c., &c., &c.

**STANDARD & TABLE LAMPS,**  
TANTALUS SPIRIT STANDS.  
DECORATIVE TABLE GLASSWARE.  
MEERSCHAUM PIPES, BRIAR PIPES,  
CIGAR CASES, CIGAR AND CIGARETTE HOLDERS,  
PIPE RACKS, TOBACCO POUCHES.

**TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!!**  
ROCKING HORSES, DOLLS, TOPS, STEAM ENGINES, YACHTS,  
TOOL BOXES, ANIMALS, GAMES, MAGIC LANTERNS, &c.  
**French & English Confectionery.**  
FONDANTS, FRUIT BONBONS, DRAGEES, NOUGATTINES, BUTTER  
SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFIES, CHOCOLATE CREAMS, &c., &c.  
XMAS CAKES, GENOA CAKES, CAMBRIDGE CAKES.

**TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.**  
GORGONZOLA & CHEDDAR CHEESE.  
NUTS  
FILBERTS, BRAZILS, BARCELONAS AND ALMONDS.  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**

**BROADWOOD PIANOS**  
NEW MODELS  
MONTHLY PAYMENTS.  
Lane, Crawford & Co.

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL IN EVERY RESPECT.  
GREAT IMPROVEMENTS:  
NEW APPOINTMENTS, REFRIGERATOR.  
NEWLY FURNISHED  
MUSIC ROOM, READING & WRITING ROOM, SMOKING ROOM.  
MAYOR IN ATTENDANCE FOR LADIES.  
Ex P. & O. S. S. MALACCA.

**St. Raphael Wine.**  
Extra Special Liqueur Whisky.  
Bass's Ale  
Guinness's Stout } Horsehead Brand.  
Kupper's Pilsener Beer.  
SOLE AGENTS,  
**Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,**  
Wine and Spirit Merchants. 2311

**ASK FOR FERGUSON'S P. & O.**  
SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM BREADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
These are the finest productions of Scotland, and are absolutely of all delicious nature.  
**THE CREME DE LA CREME OF WHISKIES.**  
PURE AND MILD.  
Sole Importers,  
**F. BLACKHEAD & Co.**



## Business Notices.

**PARRITCH FOR MUSCLE, WHISKY FOR PLUCK!**  
**WATSON'S DUNDEE WHISKY,**  
BEST ON EARTH.  
**WATKINS & Co., AGENTS.**

TO MAKE DANCE SAE LIGHT AN' FRISKY,  
JUST SAMPLER WATSON'S DUNDEE WHISKY.  
**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.,**  
LIMITED.

FIRE-CLAY WORKS, DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG.  
CEMENT FACTORY, GREEN ISLAND, MACAO.  
**PORTLAND CEMENT,**  
GLAZED STONEWARE BRAIN PIPES AND FITTINGS, GLAZED PAVING  
BRICKS AND TILES, FIRE BRICKS AND FIRE CLAY,  
&c., &c.  
For Prices and further particulars, apply to  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.**

**WANTED:**  
AN ENGLISH ASSISTANT MASTER in a BOATING and DAY SCHOOL for January 31st, 1898.  
Apply to Rev. R. F. COBBOLD, M.A., St. John's Cathedral.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1897. 2503  
**THE DAIRY FARM CO. LIMITED.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the COMPANY has now RESUMED BUSINESS. All ORDERS should be sent in AT ONCE.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1897. 2502  
**CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.**  
No. 80.  
NOTICE is hereby given that SATURDAY, the 26th INSTANT, and SATURDAY, the 1st JANUARY 1898, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office.  
Work at the OFFICE EXAMINATION OFFICE and CUSTOMS STATIONS will proceed as usual.  
H. M. HILLIER,  
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.  
CUSTOMS HOUSE, Kowloon, 21st December, 1897. 2504

**NOTICE.**  
A Special SESSION of Her Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' Room, at the Magistrate's Office, on TUESDAY, the 26th day of December, A.D. 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of considering an application from one G. H. HOSKINS, for a Publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at Nos. 240, 242 and 244, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of The Grand Hotel.  
H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Police Magistrate.  
Magistrate, Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1897. 2498

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
IN Accordance with Section 130 of the Articles of Association of the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 3rd January, 1898, ISSUE INTEREST VOUCHERS of 50 per cent. PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the same being at the Rate of 10 per cent. PER ANNUM on the PAID-UP CAPITAL of the OFFICE for the year 1897.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st INSTANT, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
CANTON INSURANCE, LTD.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1897. 2451

**THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirtieth Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 1st day of December, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 25th to 31st INSTANT, both days inclusive.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2490

**THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2490

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**  
THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 26th and 27th INSTANT respectively.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., N. J. EDE, Secretary.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., W. H. PEROUVAL, Agent.  
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd., W. H. RAY, Secretary.  
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.  
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., J. B. COUGHLIN, Secretary.  
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., W. H. RAY, Secretary.  
The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., S. OHIO, Agent.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2494



## Entertainment.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## CITY HALL.

## FAREWELL CONCERT.

## WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

## (P.W.O.) BAND.

## (Assisted by the PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY ORCHESTRA).

## On THURSDAY, 23rd December.

## at 8.15 P.M.

## PART I.

## 1. Fant. March, "Tannhauser," Wagner.

## 2. Overture, "Maritana," Wallace.

## 3. Read Quintette, "Schumann."

## 4. Overture, "The Nutcracker," Tchaikovsky.

## 5. Selection, "The Swan Lake," Tchaikovsky.

## INTERVAL.

## PART II.

## 1. Largo, "The Swan Lake," Tchaikovsky.

## 2. Minuet, "The Swan Lake," Tchaikovsky.

## 3. Overture, "The Swan Lake," Tchaikovsky.

## 4. Overture, "The Swan Lake," Tchaikovsky.

## 5. Overture, "The Swan Lake," Tchaikovsky.

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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (a)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (b)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (c)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (d)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (e)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (f)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (g)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (h)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (i)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (j)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (k)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (l)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (m)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (n)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (o)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (p)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (q)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (r)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (t)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (u)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (v)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (w)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (x)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (y)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Port.	Tokio Maru (z)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

## FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

## The Co.'s Steamship

## Captain F. von Bismarck, will be

## despatched at 3 p.m.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

## General Managers.

## Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2442

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

## The Co.'s Steamship

## Captain J. K. Brown, will be

## despatched at 3 p.m.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

## General Managers.

## Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2509

## FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE AND HAMBURG.

## (Taking Cargo at through rates to

## ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

## The Steamship

## Captain F. von Bismarck, will be

## despatched at 3 p.m.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

## General Managers.

## Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2410

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

## (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through

## rates for CHINKING, HANKOW, KIUKIANG AND OHREDO.)

## The Co.'s Steamship

## Captain F. von Bismarck, will be

## despatched at 3 p.m.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

## General Managers.

## Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2507

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

## FOR ODESSA.

## (On line of SINGAPORE, COLOMBO &amp; PORT SAID, and taking through for ALEXANDRIA, SMYRNA, BEIRUT, &amp;c.)

## The Russian Volunteer Str.

## Due here about the 25th

## inst. will load here

## as above and will have quick despatch.

## For Freight, apply to

## MELOERS &amp; Co.,

## Agents.

## Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2512

## 'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON &amp; SINGAPORE.

## THESS. Radoschinski, Captain VYVIAN,

## having arrived from the above

## Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-

## formed that their Goods are being landed

## at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong-

## kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

## Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored

## at Consignees' risk and expense.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

## The Co.'s Steamship

## Captain G. Crocker, will be

## despatched at 3 p.m.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

## JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

## General Managers.

## Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2506

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

## December 22.

## Hermes, Norwegian str., from Canton.

## Tungchow, British str., 989, A. Varde,

## Shanghai Dec. 10, General.—BETTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

## Dagmar, Norwegian str., 921, E. Amund-

## sen, Wuhu Dec. 16, Rits.—HARTING &amp; BROSCH.

## Kaiserin Augusta, German cruiser, 6,000,

## Koblenz, Singapore Dec. 16.

## Bellona, German str., 968, F. von

## Blitz, Moji Dec. 17, General.—STERN &amp; CO.

## Peiyang, German str., 963, R. Kohler,

## Chinkiang Dec. 18, Grounds.—STERN &amp; CO.

## Hohov, British str., 895, H. Smale,

## Chinkiang Dec. 18, General.—BETTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

## Lace, French steamer, 2,331, Flindin,

## Marseilles Nov. 21, Port Said 26, Suez 27,

## Colombo Dec. 8, Singapore 14, and Saigon

## 16, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

## Guthrie, British str., 1,406, H. Craig,

## Melbourne Nov. 16, Newcastle 20, Sydney

## 27, Merton Bay 29, Townsville Dec. 2,

## Oahu and Cooktown 3, Thursday Island

## 6, Port Darwin 10, Timor 13, and Oahu

## Island 19, General.—GIRN, LYNN &amp; CO.

## DEPARTURES.

## December 22.

## Saitoku Maru, for Singapore and London.

## Yokohama, for Hilo.

## Ernest Simons, for Europe, &amp;c.

## Enterprise of Japan, for San Francisco.

## Bismarck, for Moji and Tacoma.

## Maitaka, for Hilo.

## Volante, for Calcutta.

## Choyang, for Canton.

## Peiyang, for Canton.

## Hermes, for Hongkong.

## Tungchow, for Hongkong.

## Dagmar, for Hongkong.

## Kaiserin Augusta, for Hongkong.

## Bellona, for Hongkong.

## Peiyang, for Hongkong.

## Hohov, for Hongkong.

## Lace, for Hongkong.

## Guthrie, for Hongkong.

## Maitaka, for Hongkong.

## Volante, for Hongkong.

## Choyang, for Hongkong.

## Peiyang, for Hongkong.

## Hermes, for Hongkong.

## Tungchow, for Hongkong.

## The China Mail.

## The publication of this issue commenced at 6.10 p.m.

## The China Mail.

## HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1897.

## The political situation in China might be best described in the meteorological phraseology of the hour:—"Pressure remains high over China, with a further slight rise of the barometer on the coast." Our special telegram from Shanghai con-

## firms the news already published that the Russian fleet has occupied Port Arthur, and the Russian flag is probably now flying over that Chinese stronghold. It is stated that Russia has China's full consent to occupy Port Arthur, but it is probably a case of "needs must when the devil drives." Russia has got China firmly in the coils, and she is now exacting the price of her intervention at the close of the war. When Japan entered upon the conflict with China, we predicted that the Powers would never agree to Japanese annexation on the mainland and that she would become the cat paw for pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for Russia. Russian aggression in Korea was the prelude for the practical seizure of North Manchuria, and now the Liaotung Peninsula is being absorbed into the maw of the insatiable Bear. The true history of the past fortnight's movements in the north are still unknown, to us in the South, so that whatever conclusion is arrived at on the present situation can be little else than conjectural. So far as appears on the surface, Germany has been waiting her reward for her share in the alliance with France and Russia. Tired of waiting while material advantages were being gained by her confederates, she seized the first pretext for seizing Kiaochow, an excellent bay in a splendid geographical situation, and is now demanding concessions which amount to a virtual control of the rich mineral and agricultural provinces of Shantung. Assuming that she was not acting in concert with her former confederates—although it is more probable that the three great Powers are in close agreement on political affairs in China and Japan—it is easy to understand why Russia should take the opportunity of annexing Port Arthur. China is in the last stages of decrepitude. She has no fleet, no army (except on paper), and no statement at the helm capable of steering the ship of state through the shallows and perils of international aggression. In seizing Kiaochow Germany committed an act which should have led to a declaration of war from China; but China is weak, disorganised, helpless, and as the political game is degenerating into one of grab, Russian statesmen feel justified in taking all they can at the earliest possible moment.

## What policy Great Britain is to pursue is not yet evident. We are informed from Shanghai that Sir Claude Macdonald has intimated to the Tientsin Yamen that whatever concessions are granted to Germany or Russia corresponding concessions must be made to Britain. This is taken to mean that so much of the Kwangtung Province as the Government's advisers may consider necessary for the adequate defence of Hongkong will be added to the British Empire, together with the island of Chusan and adjacent islands (once held by Great Britain but abandoned in favour of Hongkong). There is a rumour prevalent that naval experts would prefer Chusan as a base for operations in the China Sea; but while it is not outside the bounds of possibility that a second Hongkong might be created in Chusan, dominating the entrance to the Yangtsé, we believe the British Government will hesitate before abandoning their scheme for the extension of the naval establishment in Hongkong in favour of Chusan. Germany has asked for mining and railway concessions in Shantung, and as similar advantages have been granted to France in Szechuan China under the Cassini Convention, it is highly probable that the German Minister, Baron von Heyking, supported, as he will be very soon, by a strong squadron and a highly-disciplined body of troops, will succeed in extracting whatever he chooses to demand from the helpless imbeciles who pose as the government of China. It has been very rightly said by a writer in a Straits contemporary: "China is a nation no longer, but a helpless endless swarm of low-type humanity wallowing in its over-immensity, and waiting to be herded hither and thither at the will of its fanatical masters. Mining and railway concessions to Great Britain in the Yangtsé Valley and in the southern Provinces will just balance matters, if the Powers agree to abstain from the wholesale partition of China. A Shanghai contemporary has discussed the effects of partition very fully, and has arrived at a wise conclusion, which we embody below:—"Wholesale partition would be fruitful of trouble; the contiguity of the spheres of influence would lead to constant complications and thereby endanger the general peace of the world. Varying tariffs and systems of administration would lead to practical impossibility of ultimate results, and it is doubtful if the arrangement would be beneficial to the Powers themselves or to the people of China." Hence, Great Britain's responsibility of empire are just as heavy as the onus laid upon the Chinese to surrender to German aggression.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

## The British steamer Tungchow reports: Strong N.E. gale, with very high seas.

## The Norwegian steamer Dagmar reports: Strong monsoon, rough seas.

## The French mail steamer Laos reports: Strong N.E. wind all the way from Saigon; heavy sea from the N.E.

## POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS will close:—

## For KOBE:—

## Per Posidon, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 23rd December.

## For KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA:—

## Per Yamaguchi Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd December.

## For SINGAPORE &amp; PENANG:—

## Per Jason, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd December.

## For MANILA:—

## Per Yuzon, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd December.

## For SINGAPORE:—

## Per Bellona, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd December.

## For SINGAPORE, PENANG &amp; CALCUTTA:—

## Per Saitoku, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 24th December.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.







## Banks.

## THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000  
PAID UP.....£1,250,000  
RESERVE FUND.....£250,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 12 Months.....4%  
" 6 ".....3%  
" 3 ".....2%  
J. THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£200,000  
RESERVE FUND.....£200,000  
RESERVE FUND.....£200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%  
" 6 " 3%  
" 3 " 2%  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 246

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1896. 1615

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$7,000,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$7,000,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:—  
ST. C. MICHAELSON, Esq., Chairman.  
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David GUNBY, Esq., R. L. Richardson, Esq.,  
CHIEF MANAGER:—  
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SHANGHAI: J. P. WARD, Esq.,  
LONDON: HARRISON, LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months 2% per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 3%  
" 12 " 4%  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 8, 1897. 368

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000  
PAID UP CAPITAL.....£250,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:—  
D. GILLES, Esq., J. T. LAURE, Esq.,  
CHAK KUN SHAN, Esq., JOHNSON TUNG SHAN, Esq.,  
KWAN HO CHUNG, Esq.,  
G. W. F. PLATT, Esq.,

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%  
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

## XMAS SPECIALITIES.

XMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS in Various Designs. CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CHEMISTS in Fancy Boxes of Various Sizes.

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## Shipping.

## Steamers.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Jason,  
Capt. Owen, will be  
despatched on THURS-  
DAY, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1897. 2500

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Suzhou,  
Capt. P. R. GARDNER, will be  
despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2486

## MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship  
Sikh,  
Capt. S. S. SINGH, will be  
despatched for the  
above Ports on or about  
25th December, 1897.

S.S. Adelaide, to sail about 15th  
January, 1898.

S.S. Argyl, to sail about 5th Feb., 1898.

S.S. Glacis, to sail about 20th Feb., 1898.

S.S. Lemoine, to sail about 10th Mar., 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 15, 1897. 2447

## SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Fecan,  
Capt. N. HOOKER, will be  
despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2379

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Fecan,  
Capt. N. HOOKER, will be  
despatched on TUES-  
DAY, the 28th Instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed  
to the Superior Accommodation offered  
by this Steamer. First-class Saloon  
is situated forward of the Engines.  
A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the  
supply of Fresh Provisions during the  
entire voyage. A fully-qualified Surgeon is  
on board, and the Vessel is fitted through-  
out with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-  
pany to and from AUSTRALIA are available  
for Return by Steamers of the Eastern  
and Australian S.S. Co., and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2457

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Fecan,  
Capt. N. HOOKER, will be  
despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2455

## FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship  
Yarrowdale,  
Capt. ROBERTSON, will be  
despatched on or about the  
5th January, 1898.

To be followed by the  
S.S. Harriet, on or about the 31st January,  
1898.

S.S. Lythorn, on or about 15th February,  
1898.

S.S. Orcutt, on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2433

## Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.T. American Ship  
New York,  
Passenger Master, shortly ex-  
pected here, will sail for the  
above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 25, 1897. 2119

## GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship Glenlynn having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo by her are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed at their risk  
into the Godowns of the HONGKONG  
AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN  
COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be  
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon  
To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
23rd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all  
Claims for damages and/or shortages not  
later than the 30th Instant, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on the 30th Instant,  
at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1897. 2470

## Notices to Consignees.

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID,  
SUZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM,  
MASSAWAH, ROHEDDA, ADEN, KUR-  
RACHEE, BOMBAY, COLUMBO,  
PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Paduan, having ar-  
rived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns of the  
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND  
GODOWN CO., LTD., whence delivery may  
be obtained.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From CALCUTTA, ex S.S. Paduan, ex S.S.  
Imperatrix, transhipped at Bombay. From  
Venice, ex S.S. Massimiliano and Carlotta,  
transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here  
unless notice to the contrary be given  
before Noon, To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims  
must be sent in to the Undersigned before  
Noon of the 27th December, on which day  
will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and  
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after  
the 27th December will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2439

## "RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG.

THE Company's Charter S.S. Mount  
Tabor having arrived from the above  
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-  
formed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the HONG-  
KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN  
COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may  
be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims  
must be sent in to the Undersigned before  
Noon, on the 3rd January, 1898, or they  
will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on the 3rd January,  
1898.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and  
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after  
the 27th December will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2437

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Suixing having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
by her are hereby informed that their Goods  
will be delivered from No. 1, Praya Central.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-  
ing on board after 4 p.m. of the 21st Instant  
will be landed at Consignees' risk and  
expense into Godowns at Praya Central.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2485

## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s S.S. Chicago having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
are being landed at their risk into the  
Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON  
WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon,  
whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims  
must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned  
before Noon, on the 25th Instant, or they  
will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on Saturday, the 25th  
Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and  
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after  
the 25th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1897. 2477

## "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

STEAMSHIP GLENLYNN.

FROM MIDDLEBORO, LONDON & BORDEAUX.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo Shipped by  
the above named Steamer in August  
last are hereby informed that a portion of  
their Goods has now arrived per same  
Steamer, and is being landed at their risk  
into the Godowns of the HONGKONG  
AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO.,  
LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be  
obtained after the Average Band, which  
is lying in the Office of the Undersigned  
has been signed.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
23rd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1897. 2471

## NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP BRAEMAR.

FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA,  
KOBE AND MOI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to  
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate delivery  
of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1897. 2464

## Mails.

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....TUESDAY, Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.

Gades (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....SATURDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at noon.

THE Steamship COETIO will be  
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,  
via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,  
INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on  
TUESDAY, the 28th December, at 4 p.m.

Steamers of this line pass through the  
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at  
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed  
to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all trans-  
atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin-  
cipal cities of the United States or Canada,  
may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted  
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,  
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,  
to European officials in service of China  
and Japan, and to Government officials and  
their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-  
turning to Japan, or vice versa, within one year,  
will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This  
allowance does not apply to through fares  
from China and Japan to Europe, or vice versa.

All Bills of Lading should be reached to  
address in full, and same will be received at  
the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco,  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office, addressed to the Col-  
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency at the  
Company, No. 1, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2388

## U. S. Mail Line



HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, December 18, 1897.

At 1030 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Chinese Natives.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb.	100	100
" Am. Sugar cured, "	200	200
" Woodrow, "	240	240
" Japan, cured, "	100	100
Beef, sirloin & prime cut, catty	140	140
" Corned, "	140	140
" Roast, "	130	130
" Soup, "	110	110
" Steak, "	120	120
Bullock's Brains, per set	60	60
" Tongue fresh, each	250	250
" " corned, "	310	310
" Head, "	500	500
" Heart, "	150	150
" Hump, Salt, catty	140	140
" Feet, "	60	60
" Kidneys, "	50	50
" Tail, "	100	100
" Liver, "	70	70
" Tripe (undressed) catty	60	60
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	500
Hams, American, lb.	360	360
" Chinese, "	260	260
" English, New, "	460	460
" Japan cured, "	240	240
" Shanghai, "	190	190
Mutton Chop, "	190	190
" Leg, "	190	190
" Shoulder, "	150	150
Pigs Chitterlings, catty	70	70
" Feet, "	110	110
" Try, "	160	160
" Head, "	500	500
" Heart, "	50	50
" Kidneys, "	70	70
" Liver, "	100	100
Pork Chop, catty	190	190
" Corned, "	330	330
" Leg, "	190	190
" Fat or Lard, "	180	180
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	250	250
" Heart, "	50	50
" Kidneys, "	70	70
" Liver, "	150	150
Sucking Pigs, each \$1.75 \$1.25		
Suet, Beef, lb.	100	100
" Mutton, "	110	110
Veal, catty	130	130

Poultry.

Chicken, catty	220	220
Capon, "	250	250
Ducks, "	170	170
Doves, each	120	120
Eggs, Hen, doz.	120	120
" Duck, "	110	110
Fowls, catty	180	180
Gos, "	180	180
Hares, each	400	400
Musk Deer, "	250	250
Partridges, "	200	200
Pigeons, "	200	200
Pheasant, brace	600	600
Rice Birds, doz.	110	110
Quail, each	140	140
Snipe, "	150	150
Turkeys, Cock, catty	450	450
" Hen, "	330	330
Teal, each	280	280
Wild Ducks, pair	700	700

Fish.

Barbel, catty	140	140
Bream, "	80	80
Bombay Ducks, pieces	400	400
O'ion Fresh Water Fish, catty	100	100
Carp, "	100	100
Codfish, "	80	80
Codfish, Salt, "	160	160
Crabs, "	100	100
Cuttle Fish, "	100	100
Dab, "	90	90
Deer, "	80	80
Dog Fish, "	100	100
Eels, Congor, "	200	200
Flounder, "	180	180
File Fish, "	250	250
Frog, "	110	110
Fresh Fish, "	200	200
Garoupa, "	90	90
Gudgoun, "	100	100
Gurnard, "	100	100
Herrings, "	100	100
" smoked, box	100	100
Halibut, catty	100	100
Lobsters, "	140	140
Loach, "	170	170
Macarals, "	180	180
Mock Fish, "	100	100
Mullet, "	150	150
Oysters, "	140	140
Parrish, "	180	180
Pike, "	180	180

Pike, catty	170	170
Plaice, "	120	120
Pomfret, White, "	220	220
Pomfret, Black, "	50	50
Prawns, "	80	80
Ray, "	100	100
Rock Fish, "	100	100
Roach, "	100	100
Salmon, (Canton), "	100	100
Shark, "	100	100
Salt Fish, "	100	100
Skate, "	100	100
Shrimps, "	100	100
Suapor, "	100	100
Soles, "	100	100
Tench, "	100	100
Turbot, "	100	100
Turtles, small, fresh water, "	100	100
Whiting, catty	70	70
White Bait, "	50	50

Fruits.

Apples, (California), catty	250	250
" (Tienzin), "	100	100
" (Japan), "	100	100
Bananas, fragrant, "	30	30
" (brides), "	30	30
Chestnuts, Chinese, "	100	100
Carambola, "	70	70
Cocanates, catty	90	90
Ground Nuts, catty	30	30
Grapes, "	60	60
Lemons, China, "	100	100
" Peel, "	450	450
Lichoes, Dried, "	100	100
" Fresh, "	100	100
Limes, "	100	100
Mango, (Sagion), each	100	100
" (Manila), "	100	100
Mangosteens, dozen	100	100
Oranges, Sweet, catty	100	100
" Green, "	100	100
" Red, "	100	100
" Coolie, "	100	100
Olives, "	100	100
Pine-apples, each	100	100
Pears, catty	100	100
" (Tienzin), "	100	100
Plum, Red, "	100	100
Pumelo, each	120	120
" (Siam), catty	80	80
Raisins, Muscatel, "	100	100
" Pudding, "	100	100
Water Chestnuts, com.	40	40
" Mandarin, "	50	50
Walnuts, "	140	140

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, catty	50	50
Beans, (French), "	150	150
" Long, "	20	20
Beet Root, each	20	20
Brijals, Green, catty	50	50
" Red, "	50	50
Brassicas, "	20	20
Bamboo Shoots, "	30	30
Cabbage, Chinese com.	80	80
Cabbage, "	80	80
Cauliflower, "	140	140
Carrots, catty	60	60
Celery, Chinese, "	50	50
" English, "	50	50
Chilies, Dried, "	130	130
" Red, "	90	90
Curry Stuff, English, "	50	50
Cucumbers, "	90	90
Bitter Squash, "	100	100
Garlic, "	50	50
Ginger, young, "	120	120
Horse Radish, S'hal, "	100	100
Indian Corn, piece	10	10
Lettuces, (English), each	10	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, catty	70	70
Onions, Bombay, "	70	70
" Green, "	30	30
" Shanghai, "	50	50
" Japan, "	50	50
Okraes, "	10	10
Parley, English, bundle	10	10
Potatoes, Sweet, catty	30	30
" Shanghai, "	20	20
" Japan, "	20	20
" American, "	20	20
" Foshow, "	40	40
" Mincos, "	50	50
Pumpkin, "	20	20
Purplines, "	6	6
Payaw, "	25	25
Radish, dozen	20	20
Rice, best quality, per picul	\$8.50	\$8.50
" Common, "	\$4.50	\$4.50
Shalots, catty	50	50
Splashes, (Chinese), "	80	80
Splashes, "	80	80
Snake Gourd, "	40	40
Tomatoes, "	90	90
Taro, "	20	20
Turnips, Punt, (Long), "	80	80
Vegetable Marrow, "	40	40
" (Long), "	40	40
Water Cress, "	70	70

REPARTES.

The Daily News has been opening its columns to repartees. Some of them are clever. Here is one batch; Sheridan upon one occasion met the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke of York. Sheridan said to the Prince, 'My brother and I have been talking about you, and we really don't know whether you are a fool or a knave.' Stepping between the two Royal Princes, and taking an arm of each, the great Irishman replied, 'May it please your Royal Highness, I am between both.' A little girl was talking in a witty manner, when an elderly gentleman observed that witty children were generally stupid when they grew up. 'You, sir,' replied the child, 'must have been very witty when you were young.' Frederick the Great suffered a severe attack of Kail's Sore some time later, at a review, seeing a soldier with a deep cut in his cheek, Frederick asked, 'At what alouche did you get that scratch, my friend?' 'I got it,' replied the soldier, 'at Kolin, where your Majesty paid the reckoning.'

NEW PARLOUR GAMES.

Hosts of new and lively games have been added to this season's pastimes to beguile the long evenings now at hand. From English country houses, where young and old alike delight in games, comes a new one called 'The Reviewers.' It is played as follows: Each member of the party is provided with a sheet of note paper. One writes the title, red or imaginary, of a book, folds the paper down and passes it to his next neighbour, who gives it an author, covers it and passes the paper on to the next, who adds a motto. The two persons following add opinions of the book. The writers then take up the papers and are passed around among the reviewers for each paper. When finally the papers are read aloud they are found, as a rule, to be most entertaining.

Another game played with cards, especially designed, is called St. Andrews. It is adapted from golf. Both this and the royal game may be purchased here. For St. Andrews, the cards are arranged in four sets, and two, three or four may play. Besides these there is a set of penalty cards, each of which counts as an extra stroke. The score is kept in the same manner as in the game of golf.

As to the games with ordinary playing cards, there are any number from which to choose.

Suit smoke is an amusing game played with a complete pack of cards, divided into halves, one portion being dealt round to the players and the other remaining on the table, the last card dealt being the trump.

The cards are dealt in the usual way. The motif of the game consists in playing a card of equal value with that of the next player. If the card is of the same suit, the player who has the card of like value, you are snapped, and then, if a fourth card is played by the following player you are snored. Thus, say A plays a knave, and B likewise plays a knave, A is snipped, and places one counter in the pool. If C also has a knave B is snored and places one counter in the pool. If D has the other knave C is snored and pays in three. The fourth, of course, is safe, because all the four knaves are now played. No person may play out of his turn, but every one must snip or snap when it is in his power. When any player has retired from the game and the other three retire from the game and the pool becomes the property of the one whose hand holds out longest. The cards are sometimes dealt three or four times before the game is decided. The deal is taken in rotation.

Hongkong Tides.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level on the gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard and 5 ft. 7 in. on the gauge at Lamoon Dock, Aberdeen, and 12 ft. 9 in. in the height given in the table.

23rd to 29th December.

Time	High Water	Low Water
23rd	10.15	4.15
24th	10.30	4.00
25th	10.45	3.45
26th	11.00	3.30
27th	11.15	3.15
28th	11.30	3.00
29th	11.45	2.45

December 21st. - At 4 P.M.

Station	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Wind
Wootok	23.98	78	SW	4	100
Koohi	26.28	82	SW	4	100
Nagasaki	26.38	82	SW	4	100
Kagoshima	30.34	82	SW	4	100
Goto	30.66	82	SW	4	100
Shimonoseki	30.38	82	SW	4	100
Amoy	30.33	82	SW	4	100
Swatow	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Canton	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Hongkong	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Vict. Peak	30.23	82	SW	4	100
Shanghai	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Yokohama	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Manila	30.27	82	SW	4	100
U.S. James	30.27	82	SW	4	100

December 22nd. - At 10 A.M.

Station	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Wind
Wootok	23.98	78	SW	4	100
Koohi	26.28	82	SW	4	100
Nagasaki	26.38	82	SW	4	100
Kagoshima	30.34	82	SW	4	100
Goto	30.66	82	SW	4	100
Shimonoseki	30.38	82	SW	4	100
Amoy	30.33	82	SW	4	100
Swatow	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Canton	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Hongkong	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Vict. Peak	30.23	82	SW	4	100
Shanghai	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Yokohama	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Manila	30.27	82	SW	4	100
U.S. James	30.27	82	SW	4	100

December 23rd. - At 10 A.M.

Station	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Wind
Wootok	23.98	78	SW	4	100
Koohi	26.28	82	SW	4	100
Nagasaki	26.38	82	SW	4	100
Kagoshima	30.34	82	SW	4	100
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Shanghai	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Yokohama	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Manila	30.27	82	SW	4	100
U.S. James	30.27	82	SW	4	100

December 24th. - At 10 A.M.

Station	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force	Wind
Wootok	23.98	78	SW	4	100
Koohi	26.28	82	SW	4	100
Nagasaki	26.38	82	SW	4	100
Kagoshima	30.34	82	SW	4	100
Goto	30.66	82	SW	4	100
Shimonoseki	30.38	82	SW	4	100
Amoy	30.33	82	SW	4	100
Swatow	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Canton	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Hongkong	30.26	82	SW	4	100
Vict. Peak	30.23	82	SW	4	100
Shanghai	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Yokohama	30.27	82	SW	4	100
Manila	30.27	82	SW	4	100
U.S. James	30.27	82	SW	4	100

December 25th. - At 10 A.M.

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